

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner required an election of one of three inventions. The Examiner indicated that the three inventions were:

Group I, comprising claims 1-11, which are classified in Class 709, subclass 248, and which are drawn to a method of creating synchronized time stamped multimedia objects utilizing priority particulars;

Group II, comprising claims 12-16, which are classified in Class 709, subclass 231, and which are drawn to a method for scheduling the transmission time of multimedia objects utilizing object group delay period particulars; and

Group III, comprising claims 17-25, which are classified in Class 370, subclass 401, and which are drawn to an apparatus for interconnecting an object streaming apparatus into existing network interconnection apparatus utilizing an ingress and an egress gateway to perform emulation and traffic filtering for data traffic controlling particulars.

Upon entry of the present Response, Applicants will have elected Group III that includes claims 17-25 for prosecution in the present application. Additionally, Applicants intend to file divisional applications with claims generally corresponding to the claims identified by the Examiner as Groups I and II.

Additionally, by the present amendment, Applicants will also have canceled claims 1-25 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Applicants have

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submitted claims 26-34 that generally correspond to claims 17-25 (i.e., Group III). The features recited in claims 17-25 have been revised in claims 26-34, e.g., to eliminate informalities and to ensure that the features recited therein are not interpreted as means-plus-function or steps-of limitations.

The cancellation of claims 1-11 and 12-16 and the filing of the divisional applications should not be taken as acquiescence with the propriety of the outstanding restriction requirement. Rather, Applicants are canceling claims 1-11 and 12-16 in order to advance the prosecution of the present application, and in order to obtain early allowance of the claims in the present application.

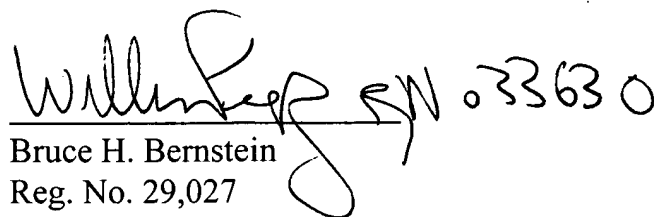
Applicants are also, concurrently herewith, filing papers to change the inventorship of the invention recited in the present application. In particular, accompanying the present Response, Applicants are filing a Request to correct the inventorship in view of the cancellation of the claims to the none-elected inventions. In other words, the inventorship is being changed so the inventor of Group III is Pek Yew TAN.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment, as well as an indication of the allowability of the elected claims, in due course.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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